

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Revamp of Pragati Maidan

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the present facilities in Pragati Maidan complex have been found to fall short of international standards and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to revamp Pragati Maidan and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred on this project along with the time by which redevelopment work is likely to start and be completed;
- (d) whether India Trade Promotion Organisation(ITPO) is likely to utilize a large amount of its free reserves towards funding of the project and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has identified the place where trade fair will be organized during the revamp; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to avoid congestion in and around Pragati Maidan during the trade fair after the revamp?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) : Yes Madam. The present exhibition facilities and other infrastructure at Pragati Maidan needs upgradation as it lacks adequate parking facilities and air-conditioned exhibition space.

(b) : Yes Madam. The Government has decided to redevelop Pragati Maidan complex to include a new world class Integrated Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC). In the Phase-I of the redevelopment project approved by the Government, new and additional facilities have been planned which include a convention centre of about 7000 PAX capacity, air conditioned exhibition space of 1,19,445 sq.mtrs and parking facilities for about 4800 vehicles.

(c) : An expenditure of Rs. 2,254 crore has been approved for Phase-I of the Project, which is proposed to be completed within 24-30 months from the date of award of work.

(d) : Yes Madam. ITPO will contribute Rs. 1,200 crore out of its reserves.

(e) & (f): ITPO has planned to hold the India International Trade Fair (IITF) at the Pragati Maidan itself, though in a different format, during the construction phase. It plans to utilise its existing air-conditioned halls 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 12A and also set up temporary structures in open spaces to meet the shortfall in exhibition space.

External interventions to decongest traffic around Pragati Maidan Complex have been planned alongside the redevelopment through the PWD, Govt. of Delhi.

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